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ATTACK AND DEFENSE

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REPORT FROM STOESEL

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Some of the Larger Russian Guns Put Out of Action by the Enemy's Batteries.

ST. PETERSBURG, August 30.—Direct news of Lieutenant General Stoessel, commander of the Russian military forces at Port Arthur, up to August 25, and of a favorable character, has been received here. General Stoessel's report says that the Japanese attacks were repulsed till August 25, with heavy loss to the attackers. He gives no details of the positions held or of the Russian losses in men, but says the officers suffered severely, especially the Japanese. Some of the larger Russian guns were placed out of action by the Japanese batteries and were replaced by field pieces. He reports that the morale of the garrison is excellent. Finally, the general recommends Generals Fock, Kondratenko, Smirnov and others for bravery and devotion.

The navy as well as the army will share in the benefits of the imperial decree, published today, by which the term of military service for soldiers of the Port Arthur garrison is reduced so that every month served from May last until the end of the year shall count for one year of the full term of service. The decree was issued when the Japanese were attacking the city.

Events at Port Arthur.

CHEFOV, August 30.—The last issue received here of the Novik, the official organ at Port Arthur, contains an article warmly praising the conduct of Captain Zaredouti, commanding the marines at Zaredouti, who stood on top of a wall, his rifle in hand, and shot down the Japanese, who were attacking the fort. He killed or wounded twenty-two Japanese, who, mounting on the shoulders of their comrades, attempted to scale the wall. When the Japanese saw that the captain had been killed, they were wiping the perspiration from his face when a shell struck him and he fell. The Novik also contains an account of the capture of the Novik, the official organ at Port Arthur, in its issue of August 28, speaking of the incidents of the siege occurring between August 22 and August 28, and making no mention of any general assault during that period, but records several desperate attacks on the Russian position.

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TELLS ANOTHER STORY

NAN PATTERSON'S TALE OF TRAGIC EVENTS.

Young Actress Said to Have Told Another Story of Fatal Ride to Steamer to Europe.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

NEW YORK, August 30.—To an intimate friend, Miss Hope Booth; Nan Patterson, who is accused of murdering Caesar Young, and who has for many months been a prisoner in the Tombs, has it is claimed, made a remarkable statement. She is said to have told the story of her fatal ride with Caesar Young to the steamer to Europe. She denies any knowledge of the Morgan Smiths' whereabouts and thro's new light on the mystery by claiming that Young on the day of the tragedy was perilously close to delirium tremens.

She, it was claimed, says Young deceived her as to his marriage and that when she learned his wife really loved him she tried to induce him to remain faithful.

She denies that she wanted him to stay in America, and claims that his proposed voyage was a relief to her. Incidentally she declares she had an automobile engagement for the day after the shooting.

There is a possibility that District Attorney Jerome may allow an annulment of the marriage between the two women.

Mr. Jerome has asked that Miss Patterson be brought before him so that he can question her personally.

In her story today Miss Patterson says: "I had never seen Caesar Young with a pistol and never knew he had one, and I certainly did not know he had one."

"I was riding down town in a hansom when I talked quietly. Suddenly the hansom stopped and I saw a policeman standing by the door of the cab with the pistol in his hand. That is the truth of the matter."

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People Are Extremely Reticent—Do Not Know How Their Neighbors Will Vote.

"There is no better place to gauge the political tide of the country than here under the big dome," declared a member of the efficient force of Capitol guides today.

"We meet people daily from all over the United States," he continued, "and it is easy to get from them an idea of the political conditions and probable results in their communities. They are not the trained politicians of the country by any means, but business men, farmers and mechanics—the men who cast the ballots—and I have found in years gone by that the drift of talk among these visitors is about the best indications obtainable as to the probable results of the coming elections."

Beginning with the above preface the guide went on to say that the sum total of the talk he and his associates had heard during the past two months, or since the national conventions have put forward their candidates and platforms, is to the effect that the republicans will probably win the closest the American people have known for many years.

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